

AN ACT to amend Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1981, as amended, to authorize and empower Gibson County School District to issue and sell school bonds in a principal amount sufficient to refund certain outstanding obligations of the District and to dedicate a portion of existing tax revenues to pay such bonds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Gibson County School District, (the "District"), created by Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1981, as amended by Chapter 181 of the Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 342 of the Private Acts of 1982, Chapter 241 of the Private Acts of 1984, Chapter 152 of the Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1987, Chapter 107 of the Private Acts of 1987, Chapter 113 of the Private Acts of 1989, and Chapter 79 of the Private Acts of 1993, Chapter 155 of the Private Acts of 1994, and all other Acts amendatory thereto, if any, located in Gibson County, Tennessee, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of refunding and refinancing all or any portion of the district's outstanding school bonds, series 1987. The bonds shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount necessary to provide for the payment of principal, interest and redemption premiums on the district's outstanding school bonds, series 1987, or any portion thereof, and to pay all costs associated therewith and costs of issuance and sale of the bonds.

SECTION 2. The bonds may be sold in one (1) or more series, may bear such date or dates, shall mature at such time or times, may bear interest at a zero (0) rate or at such other rate or rates (which may vary from time to time), may be payable at such times or times, may be in such denominations, may carry such registration and conversion privileges, may be executed in such manner, may be payable in such medium of payment at such place or places, may be

subject to such terms of redemption, with or without premium and may provide for the replacement of mutilated, destroyed or lost bonds, all as may be provided by resolution of the district's board of trustees. The bonds shall be sold as a whole or in part from time to time in such manner as shall be provided by resolution of the district's board of trustees, but in no event shall the bonds be sold for less than ninety-eight percent (98%) of par plus accrued interest (or, if all or any part of such bonds is to be sold at a zero (0) rate of interest or at an original issue discount, such bonds may be sold at not less than ninety-eight percent (98%) of the original reoffering price of such bonds, plus accrued interest). The board of trustees of the district is authorized and empowered to do and perform all acts and enter into all agreements which may be necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds and delegate the power to consummate all such acts and execute and implement all such agreements on its behalf as the board of trustees shall deem necessary or desirable.

SECTION 3. The bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be signed and sealed as provided in the Tennessee Public Obligations Registration Act and in the resolution adopted by the district's board of trustees authorizing the bonds.

SECTION 4. The board of trustees is hereby authorized to pledge such taxes levied on taxable property located within the boundaries of the district as necessary to pay the principal of and interest and any redemption premiums on the bonds, being a portion of the existing taxes, and not an increase therein. The taxes shall be annually extended and collected by the county trustee of Gibson County, Tennessee in the manner provided by general law for the extension and collection of county taxes and shall constitute a lien on the property against which they are levied with the like force and effect as do county taxes. The proceeds of the taxes so pledged, when collected, shall be placed in a special fund and shall be used solely for the purpose of paying principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the bonds.

SECTION 5. The bonds, and all income therefrom, shall be exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation in the state of Tennessee, except inheritance, transfer and estate taxes and except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

SECTION 6. The district is further authorized to issue at any time in accordance with the terms hereof bonds to refund the bonds.

SECTION 7. If any provision(s) of this act or the application thereof shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this act and the application of such provisions shall not be affected thereby, shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by law and are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.